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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56. A copy of each listed documents is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.

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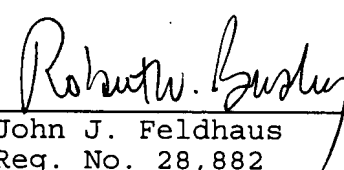
The foregoing documents came to Applicants attention during the search of their corresponding application. A copy of the Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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